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SUBJECT: JEWISH CEMETERY IN MUKACHEVO

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1. DURING FEBRUARY 13 CALL AT CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION (BOSIKOV) REGARDING NADEZHA KAZAKOVA (SEPTEL), CONSOFF WAS GIVEN NON-PAPER (BEING POUCHED EUR/SOV), CONCERNING JEWISH CEMETERY IN MUKACHEVO. RESPONSE WAS SIMILAR TO THOSE GIVEN TO PREVIOUS INQUIRIES CONCERNING CEMETERIES AT RADUN (75 MOSCOW 2192) AND SAMBOR (75 MOSCOW 16038). MAIN POINTS OF NON-PAPER FOLLOW:

A. IN KEEPING WITH SOVIET LEGISLATION, THREE CEMETERIES IN MUKACHEVO, A REFORM (REFORMATORSKAYA), A JEWISH AND AN ORTHODOX, WERE "LIQUIDATED" AT THE END OF 1975. PLOTS WERE SET ASIDE IN THE CENTRAL CEMETERY IN MUKACHEVO FOR BURIAL OF INDIVIDUALS OF JEWISH NATIONALITY.

- B. RELATIVES OF PERSONS BURIED IN THE CEMETERY WHO HAVE PRECISE INFORMATION ON THE BURIAL SITE OF THOSE RELATIVES CAN HAVE THE GRAVE MOVED TO AN ACTIVE CEMETERY ON SUBMISSION OF AN APPROPRIATE REQUEST.
- C. THIS INFORMATION IS GIVEN AS A COURTESY AND THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT QUESTIONS OF THE STATUS OF CEMETERIES ON USSR TERRITORY ARE "ENTIRELY WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET AUTHORITIES."

- D. REGARDING A VISIT TO THE CEMETERY BY EMBASSY OFFICERS, THE EMBASSY IS INFORMED THAT THE CITY OF MUKACHEVO IS CLOSED TO VISITS BY FOREIGNERS.
- 2. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, EMBASSY INTENDS TO SUBMIT NOTE REQUESTING CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION FOR CONSOFF TO VISIT MUKACHEVO IN EARLY MARCH.

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